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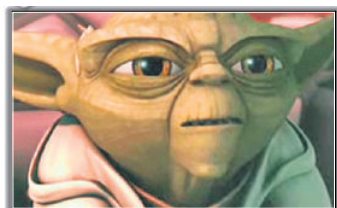
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Buckland Hospital is among the possible sites for Dover's long-awaited community hospital. Last week, however, hospital chiefs outraged residents by revealing a town-centre car park as their preference.

BY MARIJKE COX

HOSPITAL chiefs have outlined their favoured location for Dover's long-awaited community hospital, promising a "brand-new facility" costing up to £20 million.

But during a meeting on Thursday, residents blasted the proposals, claiming the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust had chosen the current health centre car park as the preferred site without listening to locals.

They also accused the trust of already making its mind up, despite plans not being finalised. Possible locations for the new community hospital include the Buckland site, William Muge House and South Kent College. But the PCT and East Kent Hospitals Trust said the current preferred site was in Dover Health Centre car park near the town centre. Many residents, however, feel this location doesn't take into account possible expansion.

They believe a hospital in Whitfield would be more suitable and during the meeting David Meikle, director of financing and commissioning at the PCT, said this was also being considered. Issues concerning car parking, flood risk and the ability to expand at the town-centre site were being looked at.

Nadeem Aziz, chief executive of Dover District Council, said: "From our perspective accessibility has always been the key factor. The need for access via public transport has to be assessed - this is a real issue."

MP Gwyn Prosser, who attended the meeting at Dover Town Hall, told Mr Meikle: "Your plans are taking away the will to put forward the public's preferred option because it's ignored. If you force these plans on us, if you can't prove your real cares and the real future of a hospital, then you've lost my support."

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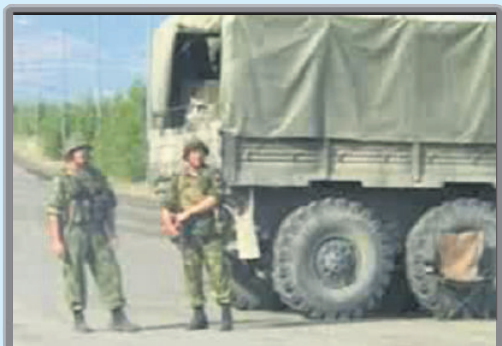
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Privatisation of dockside services will be a betrayal, says Prosser

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A ROW has broken out after an announcement by Dover Harbour Board that it plans to stop running its dockside operations at the port.

The decision will lead to nearly 200 workers being transferred to the private sector, although chief executive at the port, Bob Goldfield, insists job cuts will be kept to a minimum.

But Gwyn Prosser, the MP for Dover and Deal, has described the board's decision as a "betrayal of its loyal workforce" and accused it of jeopardising safety.

Land services, including the mooring of ships and the handling of ferry passenger and vehicle movements, are among those affected.

Mr Goldfield stressed the need for action in the light of the planned second ferry terminal development.

He also said the board would continue to place safety and security at the centre of its duties.

He said: "The port is unable to generate the economies of scale generally enjoyed by traditional labour supply organisations.

"We therefore propose to create an opportunity for certain frontline services to be provided by licensees, while we continue to ensure effective provision of mandatory security services by means of a tendered contract." He insisted that, despite one-

third of the workforce being affected, job cuts would be minimal and transfers will instead take place of the 190 staff.

But Mr Prosser, a former officer on Dover's cross-Channel ferries, called the action a "betrayal" of the workers.

He said: "I'm very much aware of the important role played by the berthing gangs, tug drivers and security officers.

"The hiving-off of these services to private operators will have a negative impact on employees' conditions of service and on safety.

"The employment protections of transfers are very limited. They seldom extend beyond 12 months or provide guaranteed proper pension provision."

Mr Prosser has discussed the plans with Mr Goldfield and with local trade union convener Gary Puntun, with further meetings planned.

He said: "The union and the workforce have worked tirelessly to co-operate with Dover Harbour Board and agree flexible and efficient work patterns over the years.

"It beggars belief that that they should be rewarded with this unilateral board decision to terminate their employment."

The planned changes will take place from 2009.

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Where there's brass

SNOWDOWN Colliery Welfare Band has received a £10,000 grant for new instruments.

Bridging the Gap, a Coalfield Regeneration Trust initiative, offers cash awards to organisations looking to expand or offer new services to residents of former coalfield areas.

Cllr Julie Rook, district council cabinet member for community, citizenship, youth and sport, said: "We encourage any organisation that has a project that would benefit from this funding to come forward."

For more information, contact Una Mills, regeneration officer, on 01304 872066.

Carnival invitation

AYLESHAM Carnival organisers are urging people to sign up for the parade before it's too late.

The carnival, on September 13 from 3pm, includes a fete, funfair and fireworks. Clubs, individuals and businesses are all being invited to join in the fun.

Those with unwanted mobile phones are being asked to drop them into the collection bin at the Just U shop to help provide funds for the carnival.

To enter the parade, call Alan on 01304 840482 or visit www.aylesham-carnival.co.uk.

Ride the chalk route

THE White Cliffs Countryside Project is inviting you on a gentle cycle ride along the Chalk and Channel Way.

The guided ride starts at 2pm on Wednesday, August 27, at the Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel-le-Ferne, and follows the route between Folkestone and Dover, stopping before Samphire Hoe.

The route was opened in 2006 and a series of artworks were put up along the pathway, including poems, entitled Chalk Lines, by Ros Barber. For more information call 01304 241806.

Camera club display

GATEWAY Camera Club is holding an exhibition at Crabble Corn Mill.

Fifty prints are on show for public viewing until Sunday.

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War chest appeal in wind farm fight

BY MARIJKE COX

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans for a controversial wind farm at East Langdon are inviting donations to help fund the rising costs of presenting the case.

Ecotricity plans to construct five 120-metre-high turbines, but instead of awaiting a decision on its application from Dover District Council's planning committee, the energy giant went straight for appeal on the grounds of non-determination.

Now, Langdon Action Group (LAG), which has taken on the task of fighting the company, must find the money to cover costs, including fees for a solicitor, barrister and land safety experts. All the money donated will pay for these expenses, allowing campaigners the best chance of putting a stop to the wind farm which they believe will have "a detrimental effect on the area".

Anthony Hyde, chairman of LAG, said: "We have to raise about £50,000 to help fight the case.

"Dover council has up to £250,000 to cover the planning inquiry. We are all determined to defeat Ecotricity.

"Unfortunately, they are taking the same stance they have all along. They are simply saying the local authority does not know what it is talking about."

Dover council, Langdon Parish Council and LAG are all working together to submit the best possible case to the Planning Inspectorate. Mr Hyde said: "We are still in the early days of



HIGH AND MIGHTY: Opponents see the five East Langdon turbines as a test case to prevent further applications

responding to the appeal but the council is in the process of getting the statement ready. "We are all singing from the same song sheet. We have to protect those of us who live in Kent. It's not just East Langdon that will suffer – if we lose this case the whole of the area could." At a meeting in July it was agreed that the council's head of finance and ICT would be given the authority to create a supplementary budget of up to £250,000. This would be funded by the use of the planning delivery grant reserve and the general fund balances to meet the costs of the inquiry into the proposed wind farm.

But in a statement released by Ecotricity after the company's decision to appeal, a spokesman said: "Dover District Council had ample time to make a decision but they refused to. In our opinion, the council prevaricated because they preferred this decision to be made on appeal." Reasons against the Ecotricity application for a wind farm include health risks, road safety on the A258 and a severe risk to the value of houses in the area.

Those wishing to donate money should make cheques payable to Langdon Action Group and send them to: Mr A Hyde, Solton Close, Solton Lane, East Langdon CT15 5JB.

Parties adding to confusion over recycling, say Lib Dems

DOVER'S Liberal Democrats have attacked Tory and Labour plans for rubbish collections, claiming both parties have "missed the point".

Cllr Clive Meredith, Lib Dem leader at Dover District Council, said: "We have a Government threatening residents with a big stick if they don't recycle and now the Tories offer to pay householders who recycle.

"They have both missed the point. The majority of the public is willing to recycle but lack the means to do so and are often confused about what they can recycle."

Cllr Meredith also criticised Kent County Council, which stopped collecting plastics for recycling centres last year without consultation.

He said: "That has confused householders about what they can recycle."

Better access

Cllr Meredith also believes a pay-as-you-throw scheme, suggested by the Government earlier this year, will not go down well with the public.

He said rubbish collection was already paid for by residents in their council tax bills.

Cllr Meredith also addresses the need for better access to facilities for recycling household waste.

He said: "This can be a vexing issue for district councillors like me, who have only limited influence over waste collection handled at a county level.

"Only now are we beginning to see the need to co-ordinate waste collection on a wider basis and, hopefully, that will lead to a better service.

"Getting good systems in place first, so householders can see how much their residual waste diminishes, then introducing the stick in the form of penalties, is the way forward."

Big drop in number of attacks on our police

FRONTLINE police officers in areas including Dover have endured more than 140 attacks in the last two years.

But compared with the rest of the county, police in South Kent – who patrol Dover, Folkestone and Ashford – say the figure has dropped significantly in the last 12 months.

Spokesman Jonathan Green said: "There has been a 27 per cent drop in attacks. Officers are trained to deal with public order incidents."

From April 2006 to March 2007, 141 officers were "assaulted without injury" while working, but during the period from April 2007 to March this year, that number has dropped to 103.

The police were unable to provide statistics for how often these attacks occur. Figures show Mid Kent as the area with the most assaults on officers, with South Kent, including Dover, second.

But in both cases the number has dropped by almost 30 per cent since March 2007.

Counter-terror force at port?

SECRET plans for expansion of a specialist police force could lead to improved protection from terrorists at the Port of Dover.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary, which is responsible for guarding all nuclear installations in Britain, could be changed into the Critical National Infrastructure Police, which will protect the country's key economic targets.

If the plans go ahead, the docks could be put under its protection.

Port of Dover police have about 50 officers safeguarding the area, but this will be strengthened should Britain's main seaports become secured areas under the new system.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary has 800 officers who are routinely armed.

Richard Thompson, a former Foreign Office counter-terrorism expert, took charge of the force in June, last year.

Mr Thompson has been carrying out strategic reviews since he started the role in preparation for expansion proposals. In a report released last

month, he said: "The role of the force is shaped by the persistent and uncompromising challenge of the terrorist threat.

"We are doing more to integrate ourselves further into the national counter-terrorist architecture."

The force, which has a £50 million-a-year budget, will ensure extra protection is placed at the most vulnerable terrorist targets, with armed officers patrolling.

The Port of Dover could be one of those chosen as part of the scheme, although this is yet to be confirmed.

Plans are expected to be announced as part of the review on terrorism in Britain by security minister Admiral Lord West.

He has acknowledged that expansion of the force is "one of a number of options available" to thwart attacks from terror groups.

The Port of Dover police were unable to give a formal response when contacted by Yourdover.

For more information about the Port of Dover and its services, visit www.doverport.co.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEFPrimary pupils excel
in English and maths

RECENT figures indicate that primary school leavers across the county have yet again achieved their best-ever results in English and mathematics, improving in both subjects at level 4 – the target pupils of this age are expected to obtain before moving to secondary school.

Every year for the past five years the proportion of pupils achieving the expected level has risen in mathematics. This year, the difference between the county and national figure has narrowed significantly with Kent schools improving by 2.5 per cent, compared to the one per cent national rise.

In English, overall results mirror national outcomes and is the best-ever result. Improvements in reading are particularly good, with an increase of 2.6 per cent, another 405 pupils, achieving the expected level compared to a national rise of two per cent.

There have also been higher levels of achievement in reading, mirroring the successes of children in both the early years and Key Stage One.

University expert in call
to change drug use laws

A SENIOR academic has hit out at the Government's drug policy saying the UK should learn from countries which adopt a different approach to the problem.

Dr Alex Stevens, who heads the European Institute of Social Services at the University of Kent in Canterbury, believes they should be decriminalised, as convicting users wasted police time and money.

He said: "Nobody is saying that dangerous drugs should be sold legally to anyone who wants them at whatever price.

"But we should learn from other countries that have reduced the criminal penalties that they use for drug users without increasing drug problems."

Railway guards and pay
row could end in strike

TWO separate disputes about the role of guards on new trains and a pay offer could see the county's railways grind to a halt.

Results of ballots on strike action starting next week will be known in September, said Bob Crow, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union.

Southeastern urged workers to vote in favour of the "good" 4.3 per cent pay deal, and said RMT objections to changed roles for guards came as a "disappointment".

But union representatives remain unconvinced. About 750 retail and engineering workers will be balloted for strikes over the pay offer, the RMT said, while up to 500 guards, drivers and customer service staff are set to vote on the safety role of guards on trains.

County to get 2012
gold rush under way

■ BY NICK AMES

SUNDAY'S closing ceremony at the Beijing Olympics will not be greeted by sorrow, instead it will spark a day of partying across the county as it marks the official start of the run-up to London 2012.

Thousands of people are expected to turn out at events around Kent to mark the official hand-over of the Olympic flag from China to Britain's capital.

Stars including past and future Olympians are set to be on hand to commemorate the event, which is the first major highlight of the UK's preparation for the global Games.

Street parties, fireworks, sports events and other celebrations are being organised in many towns and villages.

Historically, Dover welcomed the Olympic torch when it arrived in 1948 – the last time anywhere in Britain hosted the Games.

Torch

This weekend in the town there will be music from local bands, street athletics and other entertainments to kick-start the run up to the eagerly anticipated London event.

The official 2012 flag will enter Dover by boat – carried by rowing star Hannah Moon who is looking to make her mark on the Games in four years' time.

Julie Rook, Dover council's sports cabinet member, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to throw light on our campaign to bring the Olympic torch through Dover for the coming Games."

Celebrations planned for Ramsgate are tied in with the opening of the new athletics



track at the Marlowe Academy – which could host teams training sessions in the run up to the 2012 event itself.



STARS: Double gold-winning athlete Kelly Holmes and kayak bronze medallist Ian Wynne will line up for events being held in the county during Sunday's closing ceremony

A family fun run will take place and there will be demonstrations of athletic skills from nationally recognised performers.

Herne Bay has been selected as a site for one of the large screens which will show BBC coverage of the handover.

Kayak bronze medallist at the Athens Games in 2004, Ian Wynne, will be taking part and other events include a Tour d'Herne Bay cycle ride.

The flag will arrive by river in Maidstone, which will also host live music and a parade, while Charlton Athletic FC will be assisting in celebrations in Tunbridge Wells.

Free swimming to commemorate Britain's success in the Beijing pool will be held at leisure facilities in Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Swale and Dover.

Kent County Council cabinet member for community services, Mike Hill, said: "The recent spectacular opening of the Beijing Games really heightened the excitement for London's Olympics and the Handover Day is an excellent way for us in Kent to celebrate and enjoy the atmosphere of being the host country.

"There really is something for everyone on August 24, and it highlights how the Olympics are an opportunity to feel proud of what we have to show the world."

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Training facilities to
reap Olympic reward

THERE are 36 venues in the county hoping to cash-in on the 2012 Olympic Games in London by providing training facilities for teams around the world.

Details of the sites are being circulated to national Olympic committees with a hope they will play host to teams in the years leading up to the Games.

Our sports reporter David Pritchard paid a visit to one of the site's on the shortlist, the trampolining centre in Gillingham, to find out how it got on the list and what it hopes to achieve.

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Sandy driven by 'love of the county and its people'

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

TRIBUTES have flooded in this week for the former leader of Kent County Council, who died on Thursday.

Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart passed away after a long battle against cancer. He was 66.

The charismatic Conservative was leader of the county council from 1997 until his retirement in 2005.

Paul Carter, the man who replaced him at the helm, said he would be "enormously missed both locally in Kent and more broadly in the country".

He said: "Sandy was the leading architect of the transformation and improvement in local government in recent years, enhancing both the reputation and relationship of local government

with national government and Westminster, and more widely with the electorate.

"Sandy restored Kent County Council back to the top of the premier league in local government, delivering a hard-earned reputation nationally for achieving excellence.

"Driven by a love and passion for the people and the county of Kent, he proved that beneath his urbane charm and courtesy lay his conviction and determination to deliver what he believed was right.

"His knighthood and subsequent peerage were just rewards for the significant contribution he made through local government and the Conservative Party nationally."

After stepping down at County Hall he went on to become chairman of the national Local Government Association and then chairman of English Heritage.

The Tory grandee had been battling

cancer since late last year, making his final public appearances last month.

He previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia, before moving to Kent in the 1960s. He had two fruit farms in the county and lived in Headcorn, near Maidstone.

He was married to Tess and had three children Mark, Natasha and Simon.

He became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1989 after chairing a rail committee in the Weald of Kent preservation society – protesting over the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and when he was made a peer last year he was given the title Baron Bruce-Lockhart of The Weald in the County of Kent.

• See letters on page 16 and 17 for your reaction to our web story breaking the news of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's death on Thursday morning.



CHARISMATIC: Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, former KCC leader

Politicians pay tribute to a 'towering figure'

MIKE Eddy, Labour's shadow leader of Kent County Council: "Sandy and I may have disagreed on politics but he was a skilled politician with the interests of Kent at heart.

"It was a privilege to have crossed political swords with him. On a personal level he was invariably courteous, was prepared to listen – even if he didn't agree with you – and would always take on board good ideas, even when they came from his political opponents.

"I am sure everyone who knew him will be saddened by his death."

Conservative Maidstone and Weald MP Ann Widdecombe, said: "He was a towering figure in local government and his work has left a lasting impact. "Throughout my time in Parliament I have relied immeasurably on his support and advice. My heart goes out to Tess and all the family."

Cllr Frederick Scales, deputy leader of Dover District Council, said: "We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Lord Bruce-Lockhart.

"In his capacity as leader of Kent County Council, chairman of the Local Government Association and chairman of English Heritage, he worked hard for the area and was a strong ally for Dover district.

"He had a close working relationship with the leader of Dover District Council, and was a good friend of the district and worked with us to achieve lasting benefits for Kent and the Dover area. He will be sadly missed."



GREATLY MISSED: MP Ann Widdecombe says the former County Hall leader has left a lasting legacy



POWERFUL: David Cameron said Lord Bruce-Lockhart was a 'visionary leader of Kent County Council'

Caroline Spelman, chairman of the Conservative Party, said: "He was an exceptionally able local government leader and Kent will forever be in his debt for his innovative ideas.

"I was particularly impressed by the way he used his skills to fight the corner of councils throughout the country as chair of the LGA.

"He and John Prescott, with whom he frequently dealt with in Government, were unlikely sparring partners, but I think John would acknowledge the elegant way Sandy led the LGA.

"Sandy came from a diplomatic family and this really showed when he was negotiating."

David Cameron, leader of the Conservative Party, said: "Sandy Bruce-Lockhart was a visionary leader of Kent County Council and put forward powerful arguments about empowering local government which all parties have listened to.

"He made a huge contribution to public life as chairman of English Heritage and head of the Local Government Association, and will be sadly missed.

"My thoughts are with Tess and the family at this sad time."

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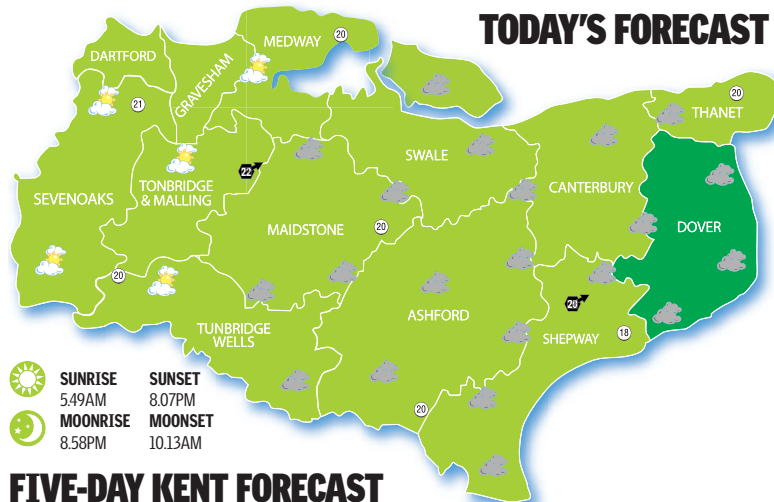
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	Sunday	3:14pm	7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:03pm	5.1m
	Sunday	3:40pm	5.0m
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An end to drought pledged – but the bills will increase

PLANS for a massive investment in water supplies that would "mean an end to the threat of drought" have been put forward.

And it would mean above-inflation rises in bills, which would have to go up 6.7 per cent each year. The average household bill would increase from £157.85 in 2010 to £203.91 in 2015.

Folkestone and Dover Water Services, whose current investment plan up to 2010 totals £33 million, is proposing to spend £66 million in the following five years.

The money would go towards major projects, including new trunk mains, improved underground storage reservoirs and the provision of additional treatment processes at key works.

Consumer bills would rise to help pay for the investment if the new business plan is given the go ahead by water regulator Ofwat.

The plan will be reviewed by public bodies and consumer groups, including the Environment Agency and the Consumer Council for Water.

David Walton, managing director of Folkestone and Dover Water, said the investment was essential.

He said: "We are the only area to have been granted Area of Water Scarcity status by the Government and this underlines the problems which we face. We have less rainfall than parts of the Middle East and only very limited local water sources."

"We rely entirely on boreholes in the chalk of the Downs and in gravel beds on Romney Marsh and have no reservoirs or rivers from which we can take water."

The plan can be viewed on the company's website, www.fwds.co.uk.

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Dartford	20°C	22°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	19°C
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QUESTION & ANSWER

MIKE BARRETT



Q How did you get involved with the charity?

A I was appointed over nine years ago, after a conscious decision on my part to work for a more local supported housing provider. This was after some 16 years based in London working for large national housing associations.

Q The charity recently changed its name to Porchlight, why was that?

A A number of factors made this decision necessary. First, we now work across the county and therefore having East Kent in our name did not make sense. Our service users, when asked, told us that the name Cyrenians did not make any sense to them and was confusing because there are a number of Cyrenian organisations around the country, all independent of each other. Last, and perhaps most importantly, our younger service users said the new name and logo was recognisable as a place where they could get help with housing.

Q Does the county have a significant homelessness problem? What are the areas that are worst affected?

A In short, yes. However, the problem is mostly hidden. What is seen is simply the tip of the iceberg. The worst affected areas are in East Kent and Maidstone. Dartford is also an area with a high homeless population. Many hundreds of people, some very young, are sleeping on friends' floors or "sofa surfing" and periodically spend time on the streets rough sleeping, which puts them in real danger.

Q What facilities, services and projects does the charity have for people in the county?

A Porchlight offers a range of services from hostels to shared houses and support to people in their own homes to help prevent them from becoming homeless. We also operate a countywide outreach and resettlement service that finds accommodation and supports some of the most vulnerable and socially excluded people in Kent. We also aim to reconnect people to the area from where they came.

Q What are the sorts of problems that can lead to homelessness? Are people aware how quickly they can find themselves in those circumstances?

A In many cases people have struggled for years with other problems that have led them to become homeless; mental health problems, drug and or alcohol addictions, gambling, leaving care and fleeing abuse. Relationship breakdown is also a main cause of homelessness. There are many factors that can cause the problem but the evidence is clear; poverty, poor standards of education and relatively short prison sentences are all common routes in to homelessness.

Q Do you think the credit crunch will have an impact on the homelessness situation?

A Yes, one only has to look at the already short supply of private rented accommodation to see that there will be a problem. Rents are likely to increase dramatically as the demand increases due to difficulties in getting a mortgage, coupled with a slowdown in the hous-

ing market, meaning fewer buy-to-rent investors coming in. All of which means less housing for our client groups. People who can afford to buy but cannot access funding will price out the poor and vulnerable even further. Subsequently homelessness is likely to increase.

Q What advice would you give to someone facing homelessness?

A Seek help quickly. Avoid becoming homeless by speaking to your lender or landlord if you are having problems paying for your accommodation. If it is not possible to stay where you are, seek assistance from your local council housing department. They probably will not be able to offer housing but can put you in touch with support services like Porchlight. Seek assistance and advice from agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau or Shelter as quickly as possible.

Q Do you find the work rewarding?

A With such a high success rate in terms of supporting vulnerable people so that they can eventually gain the skills and confidence to live independently, it is hard not to feel a sense of reward when helping to change lives in the county.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes? What was it you admired about them?

A My father. He taught me to be non-judgmental and to never stop asking "why?".

QA Mike Barrett, chief executive of one of Kent's foremost homeless charities, Porchlight – formerly known as the East Kent Cyrenians – discusses with **Ed Hill** what the organisation seeks to achieve across the county

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Kent regiments in anti-Taliban action

Reporter **Jamie McGinnes** has flown out to Afghanistan to join our troops on the front line in the fight against the Taliban. In the second of his exclusive reports from Helmand Province, he brings us news of renewed hostilities

HUNDREDS of soldiers have been involved in an operation to root out the Taliban near the key town of Musa Qala.

Troops from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), Kent's county regiment, were among 800 soldiers to take part in the fighting, which began on Thursday.

Major Ben Baker, 35, from 2PWRR, is in charge of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, a desert fort seven kilometres from Musa Qala.

He said pushes to the north and south of the town were proving successful.

"It appears to be having quite a lot of success with Taliban killed and injured, people captured and equipment recovered," he said.

Maj Baker said the aim was to disrupt the insurgency.

"It is a deliberate operation to ensure the Taliban is put on the back foot. Whenever we face them head-on we win."

Local reports suggested on Thursday that at least 13 Taliban fighters were killed and a similar number injured.

Suicide vests, as well as ammunition and bomb-making equipment, were seized after



UNDER COVER: Jamie McGinnes (right) and troops sit out a mortar attack on FOB Edinburgh by the Taliban

compounds were searched. About 300 troops from the Afghan National Army (ANA) spearheaded the advance to the south, supported by 'D' Company of 5 Scots, which is based at Musa Qala, the 2nd Battalion PWRR, a few reservists from 3PWRR, and men from the Royal Irish Regiment.

Mastiff armoured vehicles from 2 Scots were also on hand.

Insurgents attacked with rifles, machine-guns and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades).

The garrison at Roshan Tower, a strategically crucial outpost overlooking the Musa Qala Wadi, helped guide in artillery fire and air strikes. Members of 2PWRR and a mortar section from 5 Scots are there.

Paratroopers from 3 Para, along with Royal

Engineers, made slow progress through booby-trapped Afghan compounds to the north. Bayonets were fixed as soldiers advanced through fields of shoulder-high crops.

Apache helicopters attacked enemy positions, while F-16 jets were called in for air strikes.

Artillery at FOB Edinburgh and FOB Robinson, near Sangin, was also used, including the devastating Guided Missile Launch Rocket System (GMLRS).

Maj Baker said: "It has been relatively intense, with the whole of the battle group, north and south, and Roshan Tower in contact at the same time."

He said similar operations would "definitely" be carried out in the future.



FRONT LINE: British soldiers working at Roshan Tower

Welcomed by a sniper's bullet

WITHIN 20 minutes of arriving at Roshan Tower, a Taliban sniper attempted to kill me.

A loud crack broke the air as a bullet pinged just a metre over my head. It was a fitting welcome to one of the most heavily-attacked British positions in Helmand Province.

The key outpost, which overlooks the Musa Qala Wadi, has seen an upsurge in attacks in recent weeks.

The tower has a small garrison of men, including members of the 2nd Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (2PWRR) and a mortar section from Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots).

It has a commanding view of a vast swathe of countryside around the wadi and the strategically important town of Musa Qala, which was recaptured from the Taliban in December.

More than 150 mortar bombs are thought to have hit the base since June.

Somehow only one soldier, Lance Corporal Carvas Garraway, from 2PWRR, has been slightly injured, by shrapnel in the leg. The troops admit they have enjoyed more than their fair share of luck.

The increasing threat to the base meant that the Royal Engineers were part of a convoy sent there this week to strengthen its defences.

After setting off from FOB Edinburgh at first light, the troops reached Roshan Tower, about six kilometres away, at about 8.25am local time last Wednesday.

Twenty minutes later, my tour of the outpost by its platoon commander, Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 23, from Meopham, was cut short when the first shots of the day rang out.

Lt Thomas told me later that the shot had passed about a metre above our heads. The hidden sniper may have mistaken me for a dignitary because of my civilian clothes, he said.

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BRAVERY: 2nd Lieutenant Walter Tull was killed during an attack on the German trenches in Favreuil

Medal campaign for black pioneer Walter

MP leads call to award footballer and Army officer the Military Cross

■ BY NICK AMES

A CONSERVATIVE MP has called for black First World War hero and footballer Walter Tull to be awarded a posthumous Military Cross for his bravery in the trenches.

Brian Binley has launched an early day motion in the House of Commons to call for recognition for Mr Tull's achievements in early 20th century Britain – when racist attitudes were far more prevalent than they are now.

The MP for Northampton called him an inspiration for people of today from all backgrounds.

Mr Tull, who was born in Folkestone and also lived in Dover, was the first black outfield player to perform in top-class football.

He played for Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town before volunteering for the British Army.

He died in 1918 during a battle on the Western Front, and despite efforts by his troops to bring his body back it was never recovered.

His football career took off in 1909 when he signed as a professional for Spurs and experienced racist chants from fans for the first time when his team played at Bristol City.

Achievement

According to one writer: "A section of the spectators made a cowardly attack on him in language lower than Billingsgate."

The article continued: "Let me tell those Bristol hooligans that Tull is so clean in mind and method as to be a model for all white men who play football, whether they be amateur or professional."

"In point of ability, if not actual achievement, Tull was the best forward on the field"

In October 1911, Mr Tull moved to Northampton Town before joining the Army.

Despite military regulations forbidding "any negro or person of colour" being an officer, he received his commission in May, 1917.



INSPIRATION: Walter Tull, the first black outfield player in the country, and (below) the memorial to his many outstanding achievements

On March 25, 1918, 2nd Lieutenant Tull was ordered to lead his men on an attack on the German trenches at Favreuil.

Soon after entering No Mans Land he was hit by a German bullet. But the former footballer was such a popular officer that several of his men made valiant efforts under heavy fire from German machine-guns to bring him back to the British trenches.

Since his story was rediscovered during investigations into the history of those commemorated on Dover War Memorial Mr Tull has been hailed as "a pioneer of multi-culturalism."

Last week, Piara Power, director of Kick it Out, football's anti-racist group, hailed him as an "inspiration."

He added: "I think that what happens is black or minority heroes can be overlooked."

"Mr Tull is very significant – he was a black officer in the armed forces when it was not common and his football achievements rank alongside that."

• For a look at an exhibition on the life of Walter Tull go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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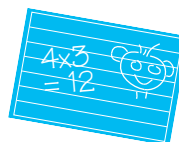
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Pass rate rises again

THIS year saw another increase in the A-level pass rate and the proportion of entries awarded an A grade.

Figures showed 97.2 per cent of entrants passed, up from 96.9 last year. A grades rose to 25.9 per cent, up from 25.3.

The results showed differences in achievement across England. The South East gained the most As, with 29.1 per cent of entries.

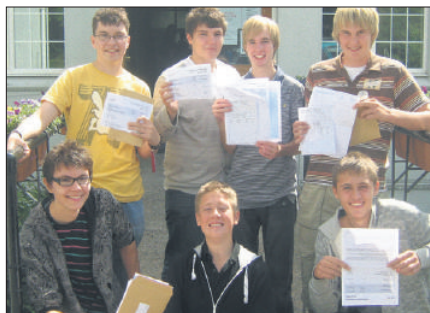
There was a record 827,737 A-level entries and 1.13 million at AS-level, from more than 600,000 students.

Entries for maths rose 7.5 per cent from last year, to 65,239, while further maths was up by 15.5, with 9,483 taking the exam.

Among the subjects showing increases were the sciences, with entries for chemistry up 3.5 per cent, biology up 2.7 and physics up 2.3.

Languages increases came in French (2.8 per cent) and Spanish (1.5), but fewer entrants went for German (down 0.9 per cent).

Jim Sinclair, the director of the joint council, which represents the main exam boards, said: "These results are excellent and we congratulate all students on their achievement."



SO PLEASED: Dover Grammar boys after collecting their results



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We've made the grade!

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SIXTH-form students across the district have been celebrating the success of their A- and AS-level results after an agonising wait over recent weeks.

Groups of school-leavers were out on the streets of Dover clutching results in one hand and mobile phones in the other while breaking the news to their families.

Many were celebrating high marks in their exams, with others deciding what route to take after failing to get the grades that they needed.

Jack Williams, head boy at Dover Grammar School for Boys, had more reason than any to celebrate after notching five AS-level A grades and a distinction in his advanced extension paper in business.

He said: "I am so pleased. It shows the com-

mitment from all the teachers and the work put in over the past year."

David Howarth, director of business and enterprise, said: "Jack is an exciting pupil and I am delighted he has done so well. I am happy for all the students. It makes me feel I am making a difference and a worthwhile commitment to the school."

School-leaver Tim Stone was also celebrating after gaining a place at University College London to study English courtesy of his three A grades.

He said: "I am so relieved to finally have my results. It shows that education is a good thing to invest in and that doing school work is the best way to spend your time."

"The staff have been great and it is important that they were willing to put in so much

effort to help me get through my A-levels and on to university."

But not all pupils are planning on taking the university route. Year 12 pupil Sam Cooke has decided to leave school and take an apprenticeship course in electrical engineering at South Kent College in Ashford.

He said: "I wasn't too pleased with my results, but I am going to do my apprenticeship, which I'm looking forward to."

Pupils at Dover College were celebrating their results, with many achieving straight A grades.

Head-teacher Stephen Jones said: "We are delighted that more than half the exams sat scored top grades, reflecting the hard work of pupils."

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We're paying for KCC to state the obvious on health issues

I WAS fascinated this week to see Kent County Council sticking its nose into health issues.

We elect councils (county and district) to provide schools for our kids, keep the streets clean, provide some social housing and make sure the roads are repaired. In return we pay our council tax.

That's it really, we don't really need them to do much else. Remember we elected the councillors and the officers work for us. That's democracy, but those who inhabit County Hall seem to forget this more and more often.

When it comes to spending our cash they seem to think they have a right to interfere everywhere. Take the plan for the Ebbsfleet giant landscape sculpture, which has been dubbed the Angel of the South. It's going to be built with private money from rail operators to put Kent on the map. Nice idea.

Five artists were chosen and their ideas are available for us all to comment on. It's not costing you or me a penny.

Then someone at KCC decides to submit its own sculpture, a prancing horse (not very orig-

inal) and promote it. Why are they spending my cash to get involved?

This week KCC publicised how the Department of Health was looking to improve its smoking policies – including how to get fewer young people to smoke. All very commendable but why is KCC getting involved?

Graham Gibbens, the KCC cabinet member for public health, trotted out all the facts about smoking and death, and likelihood of cancer, etc etc. Nothing was new.

The council was trying to convince us to get on the web and say whether we agree or disagree with four main statements. Three were about keeping cigarettes out of kids' way, discouraging them at every opportunity, etc. So what is the point asking that? Even the most avid smoker would agree, so it's a waste of time.

And the fourth read: "Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'I support the need for an improved strategy to tackle smuggling at national, regional and local level to stop the flow of tobacco smuggled by criminal gangs'."

Well the last I heard smuggling was illegal,

so that's really one for HM Revenue & Customs and the police eh?

The Kent Alliance on Smoking and Health – called "KASH", geddit? – will compile a Kent-wide response to this consultation on "how they want to see Kent tackling tobacco on [sic] the future."

This seems crazy but no doubt the people involved will feel worthy of their fat pay cheques. I'd expected the anti-smoking lobby to shut up now that they'd won. They have already ensured that nobody can smoke anywhere any more.

Instead we are paying some people to carry on the "good work" even though we all know that smoking is bad. We really do.

But worse than that, KCC is spending our money getting involved in this. The worst bit, of course, is that if everyone quit smoking, there'd be no fag packets for KCC to design its giant statue on.

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The extended X-Ray service is available now for three extra hours in the weekday evenings and all day Saturday to test the demand and impact of providing extended X-Ray department opening hours.

The temporary service is available six days a week until **Saturday 18th October 2008**

The opening hours during this trial period are:
Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm / Saturday 9am - 5pm

To access this service you will need to receive an X-Ray as part of your treatment when visiting the Walk-in Centre.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients an opportunity to have an X-Ray at a more convenient time. After the 12 week trial period the number of people using the extended services will be assessed to see if the extended hours should be made permanent.

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WITH the summer holidays in full flow, this new album comes at just the right time: 100 R&B Classics: The Anthems.

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Also included are current hits including Wiley's Wearing My Rolex, Estelle's monster number one single, American Boy and DJ Ironik with Stay With Me.

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime compilation that is bound to satisfy all your desires. There is only one album this year with all the hottest cuts – 100 R&B Classics: The Anthems the soundtrack to your summer.

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Closing date for entries is Wednesday, 3 September, 2008

Question: What type of music is featured on the new summer album?

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TALK TIME

GEOFF SIMPSON

The man with the job of promoting Kent's Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le Ferne tells how it came about and what the struggle against Hitler's Luftwaffe means to the people of the county



Tell us how the memorial came about

Geoffrey Page was a 20-year-old Hurricane pilot who was shot down during the Battle of Britain and very badly burned.

Years later, he realised with astonishment that there was no national memorial to 'The Few' and he founded the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust to put that right. Eventually, in July 1993, Mr Page was able to watch as the Queen Mother opened the memorial.

Mr Page died in 2000, but the memorial trust continues his work of ensuring that new generations understand the heroism displayed in 1940 by the airmen and all those men and women - service personnel and civilians - who supported them in ending the possibility of a German invasion.

Why was the site chosen?

Could anywhere be more appropriate than the Kentish cliffs over which so much of the fighting took place?

Journalists and photographers came to Capel-le Ferne and the surrounding area to watch what was happening.

Who was behind the sculpture and where did the replica aircraft come from?

The sculptor was Harry Gray and he has said that the figure of a young pilot in a seated pose reflects the youth of those who flew in the battle, suggesting contemplation and vigilance rather than aggression and combat. It refers also to the fact that the pilots faced death alone.

YOUR LETTERS



SAD LOSS: Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart

A rare politician - fair and honest

I am shocked and saddened to hear Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has died.

He always struck me as fair and honest, which is rare for politicians, and fought incredibly hard for our county.

I think his stance on the Channel Tunnel rail link was commendable and he continued to stand up for people throughout his political career.

He will be sadly missed and my thoughts go to his family at this difficult time.

Ben Matthews, Maidstone, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

We will not see his like again

The death of Sandy Bruce-Lockhart after a long fight against cancer is a major loss to Kent. It was with great sadness that I read about his death on



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your website, but cancer is a battle many have lost and many will continue to lose. It was easy to forget that Sandy was a Tory,

as he always represented the best interests of Kent and not narrow-minded party political lines. I was lucky enough to meet

him and he came across as a true gentleman who really cared about our wonderful county.

His kind may never be seen again. He will be truly missed.

Mark Rogers, Sittingbourne, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

He was a pleasure to work with

I had the pleasure of working with Sandy as a press officer for four years while he was chairman of the LGA. He was a lovely man and a pleasure to work with.

I am very sorry to hear of his sad passing. His wife Tess and his family are in my thoughts.

Lynne Morris, Orpington, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

Wonderful service from a kind man

The Webb family send our sincere condolences to Tess and family.

Sandy was a very kind man who gave a wonderful service to Kent and to local government across the UK, and to English Heritage. He will be greatly missed, especially in Kent.

Graham Webb MBE, Sevenoaks, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

This is a great loss for our county

Our condolences to his family. He was a true human being who everyone respected. He will be sadly missed.

Reg and Wendy Hansell, Shepherdswell, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk

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Lucky to meet this perfect gentleman

My friend has just told me this news after reading it on your site and I am devastated.

I was lucky enough to meet Sandy on a number of occasions and he was always a real gentleman.

He will be greatly missed by everyone in this county.

Mrs K Gower, Canterbury,
comment posted on web story at
www.yourswale.co.uk

Kent's heart goes out to his family

How very sad I was to read about Sandy Bruce-Lockhart's death.

He did so much for this county and will be sorely missed.

I pass on my condolences to his family.

H Riggs, Ashford,
comment posted on web story at
www.yourswale.co.uk

Sat nav 'red flag' to stop lorry problems

Comments on the Kent County Council's decision to stop lorry access to the castle grounds have been made by a number of people. Some have said that the decision is a good one, while others have said that it is a bad one.

Sat-nav clampdown is long overdue

It is good to see that common sense is finally prevailing with efforts being made to stop heavy goods vehicles from using narrow country roads.

Your story last week revealed that a campaign to get the makers of

sat-nav systems to remove "unsuitable" roads for lorries is gaining momentum.

I would give this my full backing but also wonder why it has taken this long for action to be taken.

In recent years there have been numerous cases of HGVs, normally foreign-registered, ending up in fields or getting stuck on lanes too narrow for them and blocking off villages.

I accept as a country we rely on lorries to deliver freight, but they should only be allowed to use motorways or A roads to avoid pollution and congestion in our rural communities.

Brenda Sharp, Mereworth,
by email

Castle cable car will be a great attraction

I feel the idea of a cable car to Dover Castle is one which should be applauded.

It will no doubt add to the attraction of visiting a monument which is almost inaccessible if you do not have a car and object to a long uphill walk.

The novel form of transport will be a tourist attraction in its own right.

Hugh Porter,
Dover

Of wheelie bins and wasted resources

Slack accounts prepared at great public expense by councils give them too much freedom to push millions of people into poverty in this country.

Council tax has more than doubled under Labour, despite the decline in the quantity and quality of services. Conservatives never

miss a trick when it comes to squeezing revenue out of the working poor.

Is the genuine unemployment figure closer to 20 per cent of the population, without counting pensioners?

The Local Government Association and the new local government network are dedicated to the aims of their political masters and include the rich list of jobsworths occupying council offices.

For years, arms-length management made them overpaid and redundant, hence their eagerness to make us dependent on their dubious talents - waste collections and wheelie bins, for instance.

What profit have the German manufacturers made out of local government's purchase of millions of unnecessary wheelie bins?

Why don't young, energetic refuse collectors take and return wheelies from the furthest end of house frontages?

Let them engage their brains and take more care and consideration not to miss any.

Rita Grootendorst,
by email

Cash to burn as the environment suffers

The news that Kent County Council has managed to lose about £1 million a year is as depressing as it is predictable.

Why can't the local authority get out of this contract with an incinerator business which is not only environmentally unfriendly but losing money as well? Come on KCC - this is the 21st century.

Michael Barrett,
by email

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All's Well that ends with no surgery

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There will be a vast array of groups attending, covering diverse periods from the ancient Greeks, Vikings and medieval knights to Napoleonic troopers, the American Civil War, the two world wars and Vietnam.

With both indoor and outdoor trade stalls and rare vehicles on display, the event offers a full day out for all the family.

Attracting many of the top living history groups from across the UK and Europe, this year's event will feature contributions from groups representing Celts, Saxons, Normans, medieval jousting knights, medieval households and Napoleonic times, which include troopers from Poland, Russia and France.

World War One will be represented by aircraft from the Manston Air Museum along with the 10th Essex, the Birmingham Pals and the Royal Flying Corps contingent.

Find out about life during World War Two with the airborne Screaming Eagles Living History Group, the 29th Historical Association, LHA, the 514th QM Truck Regiment Re-enactment Group and The Burma Mule Association with their pack mules and other regiments.



FEROCIOUS: Roman centurions (above) will be demonstrating their skills, while youngsters (left) learn about military history and have fun, too

Some of Britain's best World War Two groups will join the Allied Contingent, along with the Red Army's Second Guards and their Women at Work display, while the German Second Battle Group and other Axis Forces groups will also be appearing.

There will be the chance to learn more about later conflicts from organisations such as the Warsaw Pact Forces, the Vietnam Special Forces, Airborne and Fire Base groups, the American Infantry Preservation Society, the Desert Storm group and Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

Watch the skirmishes, pitched battles and drills by those on the front line and discover what life was like for those at home with the civilian counterparts. With the opportunity to take home collectable souvenirs, such as toy soldiers and other historical goods, there is plenty on offer throughout the weekend.

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The exhibitors are Emily Stone from Sandwich, Liz Howe from Gravesend, Juliet Simpson from Sevenoaks, Jane Richardson from Headcorn (whose work is pictured), Colin Barnard from Teynham, Frances Beaumont from Faversham and Stephanie Rawkins from Meopham.

Ranging from finely detailed stone carvings to striking 6ft bronze animals, there should be something for every taste among the 30-plus exhibits. The gardens will be open from 10am to 6pm, with last admission at 5.30pm.

To find out more about the gardens visit www.the-salutation.com. For full details of the festival programme log onto www.sandwichfestival.org.uk.

THE HOOSIERS

Tuesday, October 28
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ONE of the UK's hottest pop bands will be paying a visit to Folkestone this autumn, so snap up your tickets before they vanish.

The Hoosiers sold out three nights at the Shepherd's Bush Empire in London earlier this year with their 'odd pop', as well as filling the 6,000-capacity Bournemouth International Centre. Their debut album *The Trick to Life* has sold more than 700,000 copies, spawning the top five hits *Worried About Ray* and *Goodbye Mr A*.

The founding pair, Alfonso Sharland and Irwin Sparkes, grew up together in Reading but when they decided to launch a music career, they struggled to write songs. Help came from an unlikely source – Sparkes' chemistry teacher, who advised them to go and live life before they could



write about it. So they set off for a year-long road trip across America, returning with bags of inspiration, and were soon joined by Swedish

bassist Martin Skarendahl.

The show starts at 7pm and tickets cost £17.50. To book call 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.co.uk.



BROADSTAIRS WATER GALA

Wednesday, August 20
Viking Bay, Broadstairs

KING Neptune himself will emerge from the sea today to officially open the Broadstairs Water Gala.

The god of the sea is a regular guest at the annual event, appearing from the waves of Viking Bay to grant his blessing and approval for the festivities. Revellers can

witness the event at 10am before the celebrations get under way.

Now in its 120th year, the gala is a traditional part of Broadstairs life and has created many fond childhood memories for the town's residents. With lots of free activities and seaside fun, there should be something to entertain all the family.

There will be a teddy bear's picnic at the Lilliput Mini Golf Course at 9.30am, beach volley ball, swimming races

and boat trips from the jetty. Watch the seaside being enjoyed the old-fashioned way when the Dickens Society stages a Victorian bathing event or compete in the sandcastle, knobby knees or glamorous grannies contest.

With craft and trade stalls, children's fancy dress, a family fun fair and a firework finale, the water gala promises to be a great day out.

For more information, phone 0870 264 6111.

DOVER LEISURE

Find inspiration for the biggest day of your life

PLAN your big day at The Wedding Experience on Bank Holiday Monday.

Brides and grooms-to-be will find an array of exhibitors at The Ramada in Dover, offering everything from gowns and jewellery to photography and cars. The event runs 10.30am to 3.30pm and admission is free.

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Spookily good summer fun for all at the castle

WHY wait for Halloween when you could be enjoying some spooky scares in the summer?

Dover Castle is offering the chance for visitors to enjoy a spine-tingling day out for all the family. From Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, there will be lots of terrifying activities on offer, including a ghost tour around the castle.

The event runs from 10am to 5pm. Tickets cost £10.30/£8.20 for adults, £5.20 for children and £25.80 for families. See www.english-heritage.org.uk.

Olympic torch handover sparks the party spirit

GET into the sporting spirit at the Olympic Handover Street Party in Dover on Sunday.

To celebrate the handing over of the Olympic honour from Beijing to London, there will be lots of entertainment on offer on the seafront from noon onwards. With bands, street entertainers and food, there should be plenty to keep revellers occupied until the fireworks start from the Prince of Wales Pier at 9pm.

For more information call Dover Visitor Information Centre on 01304 205108.

Eclectic mix of live acts is totally home-grown

A LINE-UP of popular local bands will be taking part in a Rod Stewart Charity Day in Dover this weekend.

The bill includes Left of the Dial, User Friendly, Counterfeit Notes, Live 'n' Kickin and Springtide Cavalry.

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Cruise along for advice on top holiday offers

DREAMING of life on the ocean wave? Find out more about cruises from Dover from the experts.

Thomson is inviting people to take advantage of special offers at the event, being held at Dover Cruise Terminal from 6pm to 8pm on September 8.

Places are limited for the exclusive evening, so contact the Dover office on 01304 240182, the Ramsgate office on 01843 591279 or the Ashford office on 01233 625722 for a free ticket.

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Hop to it or you'll miss a festival of free music

BY SIMON ROBINSON

WITH the credit crunch biting into once note-filled wallets across the country, the allure of top-quality 'free entertainment' is stronger than ever.

And so I bring you news of the 18th annual Faversham International Hop Festival, being held in the historic market town on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31.

Festival organisers have lined up a record number of bands, street entertainers, craft stalls and children's activities for the free weekend – with the number of acts booked on the live stages alone more than doubling any previous year's efforts.

Organiser Catherine Herbert said: "We're really proud that visitors can see live music for free at the festival, particularly now we are all feeling the effects of the credit crunch."

One of the weekend's biggest draws is former Average White Band star Hamish Stuart, who has toured with half of The Beatles, namely Paul McCartney and later Ringo Starr.

Mr Stuart, who has also penned tracks for the likes of Diana Ross and Smokey Robinson in his distinguished career, will be joined by the likes of The Hot Rats and Happy Trails, fresh from their well-received offerings at Broadstairs Folk Week.

Home-grown talent will be provided by artists such as Martin Young, Abbey School band Elicium, Three Blind Mice and the Hop Festival Band.

The Continent will also be represented, with Belgian bands Follia and Trommelfluit and French group Sur Les Docks braving the oft-choppy conditions of the Channel to perform.

A whole host of pubs and clubs across Faversham have agreed to stage bands and exhibitions, something which has impressed Catherine Herbert.



AT THE HOP: The Faversham line-up includes Follia (top), Happy Trails (above left) and Hamish Stuart (above right), formerly of the Average White Band, pictured in concert during his days touring with the legendary Paul McCartney

She said: "The town has really entered into the spirit of things. The Bear pub is serving 'Hop Pickers' Fayre' for hungry festival-goers, and there is a great photographic exhibition coming up at the Drill Hall in Preston Street called A Year in the Life of Faversham."

"We are thrilled that so many people in the town are as excited about the Hop Festival as we are. "With music to suit eclectic tastes, children's

entertainers, professional street theatre, stilt walkers, Morris dancing, craft fare and ceilidh, it's a weekend for family and friends to enjoy."

Programmes for the festival cost £1 and are now on sale at all good retailers and pubs across the town.

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Laury is a young woman from a small town in Indiana who moves to Chicago with dreams of entering the Chicago School of Music and Dance. But after rejection and a series of misfortunes she finds herself working in a burlesque club. The club proves to be a place of conflict and self-discovery, helping Laury to realise that even though plans might change, dreams never do.

STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG)



Just when you thought the Star Wars bandwagon had finally ground to a halt on the silver screen, here comes the first computer-animated movie in the saga. The Clone Wars is set on the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, and fans will join such favourite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padmé Amidala.

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG)



In 1939 London, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) is a middle-aged governess who, finding herself once again unfairly dismissed from her job, realises she must seize the day and applies to be a social secretary. Arriving at a penthouse apartment for the interview, she is catapulted into the glamorous world of actress and singer Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams).

Don't mess with Adam

BY SARAH O'MEARA

AS Adam Sandler chases a terrorist along an Israeli beach, his hairy, muscled torso glistens in the sun.

While the Jewish-born comic actor will always be more Austin Powers than James Bond, there's no denying those muscles are real.

America's favourite goofy guy has clearly been working out for his latest film, *You Don't Mess With The Zohan*.

He's usually famous for his slapstick schtick, but this time Sandler – the film's lead actor, producer and writer – has decided to push both himself and the boundaries of comedy to the limit.

In *You Don't Mess With The Zohan*, Sandler plays Zohan Dvir, an Israeli commando who wants to become a hairdresser. After faking his own death, Tel Aviv's finest counterterrorist heads to Manhattan armed just with a book of 1980s hairstyles and a desire to make all hair 'silky-smooth'.

Although many of Sandler's 20 films over the past decade, such as *The Waterboy*, *50 First Dates* and *Spanglish*, have catered for a mainstream audience, his more recent movies have had certain critics gnawing at their hot-dogs.

Last year's *I Now Pronounce You* Chuck & Larry delved into the subject of gay marriage and *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* focuses on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Adam says the idea for the movie – which features a disproportionate amount of jokes about Jews, terrorists, Arabs, goats and hummus – came to him many years ago.

"I had this Israeli guy who used to cut my hair and I always used to ask him questions about the Israeli army. And he would fix my hair while mentioning missions



DON'T MESS IT UP: Sandler plays a counterterrorist who wants to be a hairdresser

he was on and stuff." But although he wrote the movie almost 10 years ago, the events of 9/11 pushed the script to the bottom of the pile.

It was only when other comedians began poking fun at sensitive subjects that he thought the world was ready.

"We were consciously trying to do our own thing," he says.

"But I do think *Borat* is one of the funniest movies. I tried to make sure we didn't do *Borat*, but I'm sure on occasion we went a bit 'Boraty'."

Adam's character, The Zohan, has a legendary reputation for

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thwarting terrorists, womanising and disco-dancing. The 41-year-old followed a strict workout regime to bring his alter-ego to life.

"He worked out every single day for five months," says director Dennis Dugan. "And moaned about it every single day."

"Then when we shot for 100 days, he worked out every single day of the shoot and moaned about it every single day."

It's clear from his friendly, intimate tone that he and Adam get on well. Adam is well known for working with his friends; and luckily the famous actor can count some of the best of Hollywood's comedy talent among his mates.

The *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* production team includes writers Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow (*Knocked Up*) and actors Rob Schneider and John Turturro.

"Many years ago I lived with Judd Apatow, and Rob [Schneider] was right across the street," Adam explains.

"Apatow was best friends with Jim Carrey and we all hung out."

"Ben Stiller and all those guys – we all hung out in the same crappy apartment."



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BY TOM BETTS

IT'S not unusual for TV channels to recycle old ideas in the hunt to fill air time.

All the channels do it and the results vary. Think about it: for every well-received update of a concept such as Doctor Who, there's an updated Crossroads.

Even those travelling cooks, the Hairy Bikers, owe a certain something to the Two Fat Ladies – and I'm not just talking about facial hair.

It is with that in mind that we look at Tonightly, the topical news comedy show currently battling it out with all manner of other nonsense for your pre-bedtime viewing attention.

This is undoubtedly a homage – or straight rip-off, if you prefer – to The Eleven O'Clock Show, so successful in the late 90s and early 2000s.

Jason Manford, who occasionally raises a laugh on the sporadically amusing Eight Out Of Ten Cats, hosts, with Andi Osho stepping into the sidekick role, once occupied by mucky-mouthed redhead Daisy Donovan.

The pair do their best to satirise current events and there a few nice one-liners scattered about, but it's rarely anything more than a one-joke show and some of the edgier comments border on the plain distasteful.

I'm no Mary Whitehouse, but jokes about the events in Georgia just hours after it had all begun were too close to the bone.

If people are being blown apart on the news hours beforehand, you had at least got to make your joke funny or



TITTER YE NOT: Jason Manford, host of Channel 4's topical new comedy Tonightly, fails to deliver

make some kind of point, but Manford managed neither.

What seemed edgy just a few years ago now passes as unimaginative and the world seems to have moved on a bit.

The puerile humour that once got a few titters seems dated and pointless.

While its predecessor launched both Ali G and Ricky Gervais into the mainstream, this effort is unlikely to do the same for its stars.

Has anyone caught up with Neighbours since it jumped ship to Channel Five? The always beautiful people of Erinsborough (an anagram of Neighbours – bet you didn't know that!) are the latest TV subjects to make the switch to high definition.

Each episode now bears a closer resemblance to a Hollywood blockbuster rather than a tea-time soap.

While we should be grateful for such high production values, it does make you wonder if Lou Carpenter and Harold Bishop in such flawless scope is a good idea, with dinner just hitting the table.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SOMETHING you prize could go missing or get broken. It will take a long time to recover from this loss. Good news from a friend is cause for celebration. Be sure to mark this occasion with a night on the town. Investigate moving to a new home or different neighbourhood.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOME private business could become public, which proves embarrassing. Instead of apologising, change your behaviour. People's faith in you will be restored once they see you are serious about correcting past mistakes. Lean on an older friend for guidance.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR philosophy of life could be challenged by startling events. All of the sudden, you're calling all of your assumptions into question. Mending fences with a rebellious relative is finally possible. At last you're able to understand why they behaved as they did.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'RE about to experience a big change. It may be impossible to continue with a particular job. Hidden clauses or new responsibilities will make this position very difficult for you, but don't worry you'll be able to embark on a path that is much more enjoyable and creative.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GARBLD instructions could force you to change the way you do business. It's important to nip such miscommunications in the bud, or you could lose even more money and clients. Fortunately, you have some attractive new products and services on offer.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU could leave a group quite suddenly this week. It feels as though the people involved fooled you as to their motives. You no longer want to be associated with this organisation. Ending your ties to these people could improve your career prospects.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

RESPONSIBILITIES toward another person could finally come to an end. Although this comes as a relief, a small part of you still wants to be needed. This is a lovely time to go on a short trip. Your health is about to undergo a tremendous improvement.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

DEALINGS with a child or lover could undergo some significant changes. It's time to take them off the pedestal you've put them on. Relatives can lend welcome perspective to this situation. Don't let a bully make you feel guilty about this expenditure. It will be money well spent.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A JOB or source of income could come to an end. Don't bother trying to find out what happened. There may be hidden forces at work here. You could be asked to act as a consultant. You've accumulated lots of expertise over the years. Now it's time to capitalise on it.

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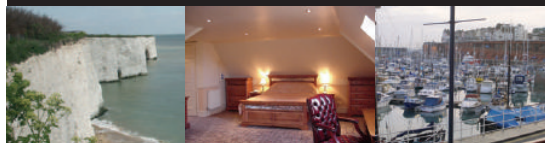
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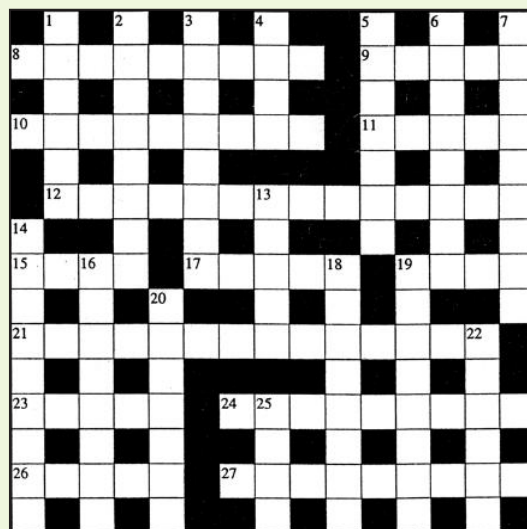
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- 8 Nude could move clear (9)
9 Had a challenge inside country house (5)
10 Truck with boat about to park here (5,4)
11 Spent £1 in obtaining tartan cloth (5)
12 Does it need reply from a heavyweight? (6,8)
15 On the way back, slightly open for prince (4)
17 A team award for widely accepted principle (5)
19 Hay is shortly said to be producing mistiness (4)
21 Leander, a devotee? (4-10)
23 Bird be entering mountainous region (5)
24 Picture ordinary photograph with vitality (5-4)
26 Yawning hollow has appeared in many a mountain to start with (5)
27 Mentions a new state (9)

DOWN

- 1 Open out a French register (6)
2 Lady included one nickname of Queen Elizabeth I (8)
3 Serve a writ as one pub collapses (8)
4 Ever changing swerve (4)
5 Fatty reorganised aid put forward (7)
6 After science, one had a twitch, a bout of neuralgia (8)
7 Entertainer can depart upset (3-6)
13 Departs on equal terms (5)
14 Person having constructive ideas (9)
16 Very large bottle for old king (8)
18 Principal train-bearer (4,4)
19 Vain aspiration Leslie South produced (8)
20 Pair on occasion deceive (3-4)
22 Disprove a less remarkable feature (6)
25 Cotton on small branch (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Combining with oxygen (9)
9 About (anag.) (1-4)
10 Magic words (3-6)
11 Cassava (5)
12 Prone to pilfering (6-8)
15 Placed above (4)
17 King or queen (5)
19 Leak slowly (4)
21 Start of a formal letter (4,3,2,5)
23 Scoundrel (5)
24 Country building (9)
26 Bottle (5)
27 Crazy out (anag.) (4,1,4)

DOWN

- 1 Surplus (6)
2 Approval (8)
3 Naked runner (8)
4 Tie (4)
5 Charge for use of wharf (7)
6 Musical composition (8)
7 Sat across (9)
13 Sheet of paper (5)
14 Vibrating (9)
16 Greenhouse (8)
18 Bring to mind (8)
19 Matriarch (3,5)
20 Escorted (7)
22 Hit snooker ball wrongly (6)
25 Affirm (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No49

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No49

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DOWN: 2 Upas 3 Ladies' man 4 Parley 5 Norwich 6 Intaglio 7 Troll 8 Transfixed 12 Jack-the-lad 15 Menagerie 16 Blowhole 18 Nostril 20 Mildew 22 Tinct 23 Marc.

QUICK SOLUTION No50

Across: 8 Oxidizing 9 U-boat 10 Hey-Oh 11 Yucca 12 Sticky-fingered 15 Upon 17 Ruler 19 Ooze 21 Dear Sir or Madam 23 Rogue 24 Farmhouse 26 Nerve 27 Cole d'Azur. DOWN: 1 Excess 2 Adoption 3 Shearer 4 Knot 5 Quayage 6 Concerto 7 Straddled 13 Folio 14 Judging 16 Orangery 18 Remembrance 19 Old woman 20 Ushered 22 Miscue 25 Arow.

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All aboard the desert camel train

BY RICHARD CRANIDGE

AS soon as you glimpse a brochure from Exodus, one of the most successful operators in the booming business of family adventure holidays, you know you aren't in for one of those holidays where everybody sits around slowly tanning themselves.

But in the bustling main street of the Moroccan town of Ourzazat, across the High Atlas mountains from Marrakech, the cheerful pep talk from our guide was intended to prepare us for the challenges that lay ahead.

Over bread and croissants at breakfast, our guide gave us his three golden rules: 1 Don't drink the water. 2 Don't buy food from dodgy street stalls. 3 Always ask before taking photos of locals (not that they'll want to thump you, but they might demand a few dirhams in appearance fees).

With that, we were off on a 300-mile trek spanning seven rather hectic days – safe in the hands of our trusty minibus driver.

The sun beats down mercilessly on this country for most of the year, with the average rainfall for September just 0.3in and an average temperature of 31°C. Yet in the midst of the arid plains and hills, rivers occasionally force their way to the surface, providing oases and vital agricultural land.

Within these pockets of green, villagers who



SUITED TO THE SAHARA: Camels have a reputation for being grumpy... but they're just what you need in the desert

live in traditional adobe dwellings – made from baked mud and straw – grow dates, melons, figs and apricots for sale in local markets.

Eventually, however, most of the water dries up and the Sahara stretches out for thousands of miles as far as the Red Sea.

At the outpost town of Zagora, we left behind the minibus for the traditional means of transport of the Sahara.

Despite their amazing feats of endurance, camels have gained a reputation for being smelly and grumpy, but the ones that took our group of 15, bags and bedding on a two-hour trek into the desert certainly didn't put me off the beasts.

It gave the next stop on our tour a tough act to follow, but a place used as a film set for

Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia and a host of other films is bound not to disappoint.

Our accommodation in the mountains was rather more basic, what the Moroccans call a gite, which would probably just pass the youth hostel test in Britain. However, what it lacked in facilities, it more than made up for in character.

Next day, as a cooling breeze blew in from the south, we enjoyed a walk up into the mountains.

Just a few hours later, we found ourselves standing in the central square of Djemaa El Fna in Marrakech. Fifty miles away, it seemed like a whole world away in its bustling busy-ness.

Morocco provides a magnificent assault on the senses. I will definitely return before the sands of time run out – and it is dragged into the 21st century by nearby Europe.

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Language	Arabic
Climate	Mediterranean
Religion	Islam
Currency	Dirham (approx 14.3 to £1)

Travel details

Richard Cranidge was a guest of Exodus, which operates eight-day escorted journeys to Marrakech and the Sahara from £689 per person, including return flights from Heathrow, travel by private minibus and camel, five nights' hotel accommodation, one night gite accommodation, and one night in a Bedouin camp. Package also includes all breakfasts and two dinners. Price of package without flights starts at £415.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Confusion clouds minimum targets

GOVERNMENT proposals for minimum housing requirements could harm the environment and stretch transport, schools, energy and water supplies to breaking point, says the South East England Regional Assembly's planning committee.

Newly-elected committee chairman Cllr Moira Gibson has written to Housing Minister Caroline Flint calling for certainty on the number of homes expected from local authorities.

The Government says annual housing targets are now the minimum that each council should deliver up until 2026.

However, Cllr Gibson, a Conservative, said this would prevent realistic assessments of the environmental impact of new homes and infrastructure.

She said: "A target should be a long-term goal, not a starting point. Otherwise housing allocations could be exceeded without the impacts on infrastructure, the environment and the community having been tested."

"Government could be creating unnecessary problems by saying the targets are minimums and not allowing authorities the flexibility to spread housing delivery across a number of years."

"This will prevent councils planning properly for the future and create unsustainable developments."

Vice-chairman Cllr Jerry Patterson, a Liberal Democrat, said: "Apart from problems with sustainability, minimum housing targets are unrealistic. Local authorities can grant planning permission for homes but have no control over whether or not developers build them."

Southern comfort over house prices

PROPERTY prices in the South East are likely to remain reasonably strong despite the economic downturn, according to market analysts Knight Frank.

The area – which includes Kent but also takes in London – will do well because of the sheer number of people who live there, say the experts.

Company spokesman Liam Frank said: "The strongest markets over the next few years will be London and the South East due to the weight of demand for accommodation."

The overall market has seen a downturn in recent months, but the very latest figures from the Halifax indicate that this may be slowing down and the sector stabilising.



BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS: Buying a property for your student offspring as a medium-term investment is becoming increasingly attractive, but take care to avoid the pitfalls

What could possibly go wrong, daddy?

AN INCREASING number of parents are benefiting from investing in a student property to help out their children at university, say leading lawyers Moore Blatch.

Market analysts have said the price of accommodation in university towns is low enough to attract investors who feel they can provide for their children and then make a profit if they later decide to sell on.

The fluctuating market is another attraction as many feel that house prices will be increasing again within three or four years – the usual time for a degree course.

Estate agents in Canterbury said they had seen an increase in enquiries when it came to

flats usually rented to University of Kent students.

The Medway towns have seen a similar interest in properties close to the Greenwich university campus.

Last year an estimated 3,000 parents in the UK bought a house or flat for a family member to live in while studying and, as property prices fall and rents are on the increase, the idea of buying a cheap property for their student offspring is becoming increasingly attractive.

Market experts say the following advantages can be gained:

- Arrangements could be structured in such a way that any gains in property prices are free of Capital Gains Tax.
- A suitable trust structure can protect the asset from reckless behaviour.

- Rent-a-room relief allows the child to rent out rooms to fellow students for up to £4,250 a year tax-free – equivalent to a mortgage of almost £80,000.

- Other rental income will be charged at the student's personal tax band, which is likely to be basic rate.

Andy Kirby, manager at Moore Blatch solicitors, said: "Many desirable flats are currently being sold at a discount in university towns due to an oversupply and a scarcity of new buy-to-let investors."

"With rental costs still high, parents should consider the pros and cons of buying rather than renting. A word of caution, however: it is essential to place the property in a suitable trust arrangement such that the offspring cannot take reckless decisions."

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HAWKINGE



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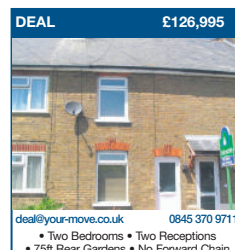
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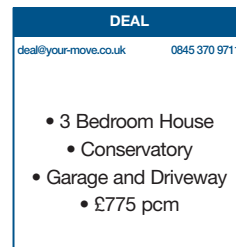
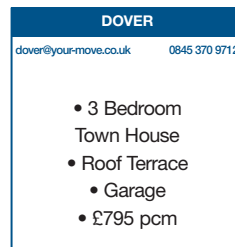
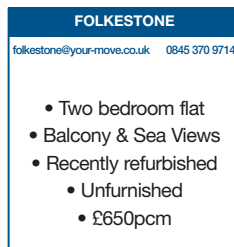
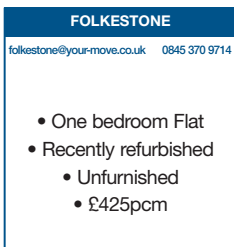
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ST MARYS BAY **GUIDE £175,000**
This semi-detached bungalow has been well maintained by the present owners and is further complemented by a detached garage and additional parking. Easily managed gardens and low maintenance, the property is thought ideal for retirement. Internally the bungalow has two bedrooms, an open plan living/dining area, fitted kitchen and bathroom, together with a sun lounge to the rear.



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This modern, purpose built flat has uninterrupted views across the English Channel. An ideal first time purchase, investment property or holiday home. Located directly opposite The Greens and beach. Positioned on the top floor, the flat benefits from double-glazing and gas central heating. Designated parking bay, with low service charges and a sixteenth share of the freehold, making this property very desirable.



LYDD **GUIDE £210,000**
A pretty 3-bedded detached bungalow ideally positioned with a local parade of shops and the beach nearby. The bungalow boasts a well-established rear garden and generous sized accommodation. Pleasant rear outlook. A chain free sale is offered!



GREATSTONE **GUIDE £186,995**
Requiring some modernisation this 3 bed detached bungalow is situated in a pleasant location, with the beach being more or less on your doorstep and the town of New Romney being only a short drive away. Thought ideal for retirement this property has been well looked after and is offered chain free. Viewing is highly recommended.

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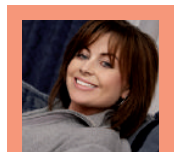


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25yr old female, 5ft8, medium-curved body, NS, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTW, tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

ANOTHER GLASS?

28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft10, slim, attractive, GSOH, seeks nice gentleman for companionship and happy times. Box 440218

IF YOU CAN REACH, TAKE ME OFF THE SHELF!

Petite, dark-haired, blue-eyed female, 30, fun and friendly, bright and bubbly. Bored of being single, looking for a lovely man to take me out! Box 895349

WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN

Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals, cosy nights in, WLTW a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 442617

YOU WON'T REGRET IT
Curvy brunette, 5ft4, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256

THE NURSE WILL SEE YOU NOW...

Laid-back yet outgoing nurse, 33, 5ft2, faithful, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916

ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-36, for LTR. Box 440782

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 440218

SENSUAL HEALING?

I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 308734

DON'T PASS ME BY
Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ATTRACTIVE

Honest, hard-working female, 36, enjoys most things, seeks similar male for love and romance. Box 374656

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

TAKE A CHANCE

Caring, loving, attractive female, 41, NS, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunet, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW NS man to share things with. Box 423882

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beach and more. Canterbury. Box 440692

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Slender, blonde female, 46, 5ft11, easy-going, happy natured, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443216

NO GAME-PLAYERS!

Hi, I'm 46, MSc, laughter, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes edginess, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397

SANDY SEEKS DANNY

Slender, petite 36yr, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 441001

TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

NEVER TOO LATE

Young, active, outgoing, sociable female, 46, looking for a life partner, someone to share experiences, special moments and more with. Box 443332

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

CUTE SMILE
Tracey, 23, 5ft2, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubs and clubs, WLTW a similar female for a relationship. Box 443248

ROCKING RELATIONSHIP

I'm 42, medium build, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889771

CANDLELIT CUPLES!

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTW gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

ALL THAT I NEED

Young, tall, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER

Professional female, 49, brunet, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunet, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW a nice lady to have fun with. Box 443304

FANCY A RIDE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 888680

SOPHISTICATED SUE

Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

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GIVE & TAKE

Happy, contented, well-balanced lady, 59, 5ft4, medium build, not ugly(!), love the countryside, pets, theatre, dining out. WLTW gentleman with similar lifestyle initially. Box 441201

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection/TLC. Box 394179

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Widow, early 60s, 5ft4, dark hair, eyes, medium build, NS, loving, caring, no ties, enjoys travel, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to share life. Box 441177

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THIS CHARMING MAN

Modest, sincere male, 43, active, outgoing, spontaneous and charming with GSOH, seeks funny and happy lady for companionship and hopefully more. Canterbury. Box 441705

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

43yr old lad, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, GSOH, seeks lass, 30-40, to share some good times with. Eastbourne. Box 443403

BE THERE NOW

Old romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTW female to settle down with and love. Box 443410

ALL THINGS BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

Intelligent male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, homecar, slim, enjoys meals out, walking, wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40s, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Brighton. Box 437507

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 889697

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Hi, I'm Steve, 44, NS, single dad, romantic, trusting, honest and genuine, seeking similar woman for TLC. Box 901155

NEAT & TIDY

Content, loyal, laid-back, divorced, 6ft male, 45, slim, professional, WLTW slim, pretty, non-smoking, family-oriented female, 38-45, for a loving relationship. Box 443411

WHY WAIT?

Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782

IN YOUR EYES

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421654

SOUND GOOD?

Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking similar lady 30-45 for possible relationship. Box 439919

BE MY BABY

Greying male with blue eyes, 49, 5ft9, in good shape, enjoys golf, good conversation, drives, walks, travelling, seeking loving, affectionate, tactile lady for lasting romance. Box 443398

READ THIS!

50yr old man, looking for black lady, 30-60. I like eating in and out, walks, music, cinema, a laugh. I like what you read? Box 439057

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Busy business man, 50, medium build, enjoys cooking and eating out, WLTW female, 40-49, to wine, dine and entertain. Box 443282

SHY GUY

Tall, non-smoking, non-drinking male, 51, enjoys the countryside, seeking a nice lady for friendship and maybe more later on. Box 443364

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?

Frank, 41, a carpenter, 6ft1, very down to earth, looking for a friend. Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439553

GILLINGHAM GENTLEMAN

Laid-back, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

JUST WANTING LOVE

I'm 42, medium build, 5ft10, not fat lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440621

CRAZY FOR YOU

Attractive and considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out & spend time with. Eastbourne. Box 442191



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

AMERICAN IN KENT

Adam, 23, tall and dark, enjoys eating out, playing sports and watching movies, looking to meet a female, 23+, to share life with. Box 443444

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

27yr old man, good looking, various interests, very active, good personality, WLTW a nice lady to have fun with. Box 443304

CALL ME!

Arran, 28, kind and considerate, looking for a kind and loving female with a good personality for friendship, maybe a relationship. Box 888470

BURNING DESIRE

Firefighter, 32, fit, sporty build, brown hair/blue eyes, likes holidays, travel, the good life, seeking female 28-45, attractive, fun, sexy, for good nights and more. Box 442204

FOR FUN, FOR LOVE

Decent, down-to-earth chap, 33, 5ft10, brown hair, blue eyes, looking out, staying in, cosy nights in and more. Box 443416

CUTE DIMPLES

Good-looking guy, 33, dark hair, slim, 5ft11, likes most things, gym, cinema, sports, looking for lady, 22-30, hopefully leading to a relationship. Box 420859

SECURITY AND WARMTH

I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

WORKING OVERTIME

Self-employed male, 37, 6ft1, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoys the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLTW female for long term relationship. Box 443065

REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

R U A MEET

Down to earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation. Box 440621

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Will, 38, enjoys rock/pop music, films and travelling, seeking long haired princess to treat well and live happily ever after with. Box 888618

ALWAYS YOURS

Pleasant male, 39, 6ft tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising, WLTW a genuine lady for a friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?

Frank, 41, a carpenter, 6ft1, very down to earth, looking for a friend. Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439553

GILLINGHAM GENTLEMAN

Laid-back, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

JUST WANTING LOVE

I'm 42, medium build, 5ft10, not fat lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440621

CRAZY FOR YOU

Attractive and considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out & spend time with. Eastbourne. Box 442191

LOVE TODAY

Single dad, 52, enjoys cooking, pubs, sport and music, WLTW a mature and curvy lady, 40-58, for friendship and romance. Box 443063

TRUE LOVES WAYS

Attractive male, 52, enjoys eating out, theatre and walks, WLTW a young female with similar interest for friendship and romance. Box 443063

FRIENDLY

Active male, 49, tall, slim, enjoys socialising, eating in and out, country pursuits, seeks female, for love and romance. Box 103698

KEEP MOVING

Novice rollerblader, 53, 6ft, slim, fit, good looking (apparently), artistic, enjoys walking, jogging, art-house films, seeking slim, attractive, warm-hearted lady 45-55. Box 443414

BEEN HURT IN THE PAST

Romantic male, 54, 5ft6, medium build, GSOH, enjoys seaside walks, cinema, cosy nights in, WLTW a medium build lady, 40-50, for a relationship. East Sussex Box 443342

PERFECT GENTLEMAN

Widower, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrub up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTW nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 443452

NICE TIME WITH A NICE GUY?

Concise, sociable guy, 54, 5ft6, stocky, strong and fit. I work in antiques, and have a GSOH. I'm looking for a nice woman, 43-55. Box 428826

BOOGIE NIGHTS

Old-fashioned, traditional male, loyal, honest, 56, 5ft10, grown-up kids, likes the coast, country music, car fairs, various music, dining in/out. Box 431482

HELLO,

I'm Patrick, 61, 6ft2, reasonable looking, not fat, enjoys playing music and painting, NS, oh

MOTORS NEWS



Qashqai all-rounder now attacks the Zafira

NISSAN'S sales success with its Qashqai all-rounder was virtually guaranteed by axing three cars to make way for it.

The dull Almera family hatch, Primera family car and ailing Tino MPV all went, but their replacement competes so well on so many levels as part family hatchback, part family wagon, part SUV and part MPV, while all-wheel drive models can even hack it a little off-road.

And now Nissan wants to add seven-seat midi-MPV power in the sector dominated by the Vauxhall Zafira, by offering the new Qashqai+2 in October from £17,199.



Latest Cayman poses 911 query over style

PORSCHE'S mid-range Cayman model has a new flagship – the S Sport, on sale from September 13 at £48,890.

Derived from the long-running Boxster roadster in 2005, the Cayman proved so successful that some experts queried whether it threatened the German sporting marque's 'icon' – the legendary rear-engine 911.

The new Cayman's flat-six boxer engine has 12bhp more power than the standard Cayman S and even looks like a 911 GT3 RS when decked out in that model's trademark orange or green with side flashes, as pictured.



Leaner, greener, beamer

BMW'S most affordable croptop – the 1-Series Convertible – has two leaner and greener options.

They are the 118d and 123d (from £23,660) with the former featuring BMW's most economical four-cylinder diesel ever; an engine that has won the title of World Green Car of the Year for the 1-Series hatchback.

In the convertible, the 1,995cc turbodiesel produces 143bhp, a 0-62mph time of 9.5 seconds, plus a top speed of 129mph, but also averages nearly 60mpg and emits just 129g/km of CO2.



A LITTLE GEM: Nissan has steadily massaged the Micra's exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a feminine look, there is even a raunchy SR model

Celebrate 25 years with the latest Nissan Micra

NISSAN'S Micra supermini has just celebrated 25 years and the third generation car looks as fresh as ever.

The term 'modtro' was coined for launch advertising in 2002, neatly capturing the car's mixture of modern and retro style repeated more recently by the reborn Fiat 500 and is sure to herald more small fashion models.

It was not always like this; the original 1983 vintage Micra was about as conventional as a supermini could be and was virtually ignored at its British Motor Show debut.

Nissan had the last laugh though when this car became the platform for several limited edition vehicles, two of which are sought after second-hand by UK buyers even now – the Figaro and the snail-shaped S-Cargo van.

No doubt spurred on by these funky creations, the 1992 second generation car had a distinctive 'over-inflated' rounded style of its own that also marked a major expansion of the Nissan site at Sunderland.

The current car might be six years old, but is perhaps even more contemporary now that it

ROAD TEST NISSAN MICRA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

has the Fiat 500 for company.

Dynamically, it also stands comparison with the newer model, but its age is starting to show against other modern rivals in terms of driving enjoyment and on-road refinement.

That said, the Micra remains one of the best value cars in its class and is well-built with generous specifications.

Nissan has also steadily massaged exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a rather more feminine look. Indeed, there is even a pair of 'warmed-up' and raunchy SR performance models.

The engine range is one of the finest in the sector, making it quite tough to decide on the best option: the Renault-derived 1.5dCi diesel is tempting for economy and power but price and the current diesel versus petrol price differential argues against it.

My preference is the bargain basement 1.2 petrol as tested here; it is good on fuel, keeps you in a sensible road tax band (band-C – £120/year) and starts at just £7,700 in junior Visia spec – high spec Tekna versions start from £10,800.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

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LOOKING for a car that does it all? Start shopping for a family hatchback; it seats five, can be crammed like a small van and represents a good balance of space, flexibility and economy... providing you don't go for the 'hot hatch' version. Family hatches dominate the UK top ten – all three of our recommendations are regulars – and the end product needs to be good to compete at all against talented opposition. Market clout helps, of course, but this trio deserves to be there on merit too – check out the profiles below...

FORD FOCUS



BRITAIN'S favourite car. Or is it? Some say it's number one through Ford's formidable market share. Fair point, but the Focus is also great to drive, practical, well-made and blessed with good engines. For second-hand buyers there is a fantastic choice of power – including the rapid ST – trim levels and body styles: a smart saloon and estate plus a coupé convertible. The car's popularity and ordinary looks are a weakness though and reason enough for some buyers to look elsewhere.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL ASTRA



SUFFERS like the Focus from being a common sight, thanks to its lofty new car top-ten sales position. But nobody could accuse the Astra of being dreary looking; Renault Megane aside, it is the most sharply-styled family hatchback on sale. Vauxhall has also differentiated between the three-door model and the five-door workhorse. There is a longer wheelbase estate too. Engine options, including impressive Fiat-derived diesels, are some of the best in the business.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW GOLF



IT costs extra to get into a Golf, signalling the power of a more premium bonnet badge. Highly-regarded diesels also keep used prices up, while the GTI hot hatch lends glamour to the whole range. Interior quality and ambience is top-notch too and the driving experience is possibly best in class. That said, the Golf suffers from fairly dull styling and some buyers might be tempted by sexier and cheaper used rivals such as the Citroën C4 and Megane.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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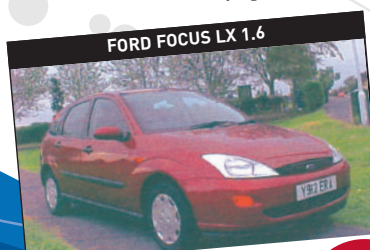
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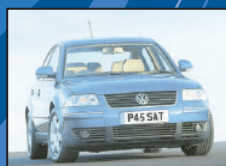


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BMW

1 SERIES, 116i SE 5dr, 6327079, air conditioning, climate control, cd player, radio, twin air bags, curtain airbags, trip computer, traction control, power steering, abs, front fog lamps, parking sensor, alloy wheels, silver, 57900 miles, £7995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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CAPTIVA, LTZ 2.0, gk080w, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, g57nr, finished in pearl black with black interior, black, 1000 miles, £7995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SPORT 1.1, g56cte, finished in poly silver with interior, silver, 25000 miles, £6695, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SX 1.0, g106vg, finished in yellow with interior, yellow, 6000 miles, £4995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX Plus, air con, cd player, metallic paintwork, abs, multiple airbags, power steering, anti-theft system, immobiliser, remote locking, 15" alloys, grey, 4000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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CITROEN

C3, 1.1i 5dr, 2003, 1.1i 5dr hatch, red, 52000 miles, £3695, Wilmoth Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA, 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot July 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

GRAND MOVE, v320hj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, i-VTEC SE Executive Auto, 6184079, rear headrests, full leather, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, twin air bags, cruise control, electric sunroof, alloy satnav, alloy wheels, silver, 47400 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, 1.6 CDX, 2004, green, 44000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

COUPE 2.0, Sill, 2007, various, 0 miles, £11995, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ELANTRA, 1.6 GSi 5dr Auto, g51uva, abs, air conditioning, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, side airbags, radio/dvd, first to see will buy showroom condition, silver, 40788 miles, £2995, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

GETZ, Cird Gai 1.5, 2005, black, 13987 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.7 V6, 2003, blue, 0 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SONATA, 2.0crt, 64649, air bag, immobiliser, alarm, central locking, power steering, climate control, cd, alloys, manual body style saloon, fuel type diesel exterior crystal silver, number of doors 4 interior black, previous owners 1 interior trim leather, anti-lock brakes (abs), air bag, alarm, alloy wheels, cd player, climate control, diesel, engine immobiliser, 1 owner, power steering, full service history, manual, hyundai sonata 2.0crt, car now reduced to £10990, silver, £10995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

TERRACON, 2.9 Crt 5dr Auto, 1403649, registered 2006 mileage 24000 miles, transmission automatic body style station wagon, fuel type diesel exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 2 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you, silver, £9990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

TRAJET, Gai Special Edition, 816641, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, air conditioning, cd player, dvd player, aluminium silver, 62000 miles, £4999, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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CARENS, Le 16v Crti Auto, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, centre armrest, silver, 24400 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CERATO, 1.6 Zapp 5dr, 1340649, kia cerato 1.6 zapp 5dr £5, 990.00, registration 16cdh sale price £5, 990.00, registered 2006 mileage 10705 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £5990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS, Le 16v, e45Ygn, anti-theft system, immobiliser, rear headrests, rear armrest, height adjustable seat, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, black, 25000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 Lx 5dr, 1281649, kia picanto 1.1 Lx 5dr £4, 590.00, registration 165shv sale price £4, 590.00, registered 2006 mileage 23000 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £4990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

SPORTAGE, 2.0 Crti Xs [138] 5dr, 1263649, kia sportage 2.0 crt x [138] 5dr £11, 995.00, registration 400soo sale price £11, 995.00, registered 2006 mileage 13100 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £11995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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DEFENDER, 90 TDi Hardtop, 10789054, tow pack, radio cassette, immobiliser, alarm, power steering, cloth upholstery, 4x4, road tax for this vehicle is £185 per year, conston green, 109000 miles, £7495, Diesel Centre, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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MICRA, 1.2 S 3dr, side air bags, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, rear headrests, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, radio, stereo, 14" alloys, blade silver, 26552 miles, £3999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 185 (TRADE)

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LEON, 2.0 16V TDI FR 5dr, abs, air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, cd player, immobiliser, privacy glass, remote central locking, sports seats, parking sensor, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, powered folding mirrors, radio, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 17" alloys, black met, 9349 miles, £14299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE, 8v 3dr, ex02 xyl, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, centre armrest, traction control, air con, electric front windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric mirrors, abs, power steering, multi-disc cd player, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 60700 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CADDY, C20 2.0 SDI (LEZ COMP), remote central locking, cloth upholstery, traction control, climate control, power steering, ply-lined, side door lock, radio cassette, abs, air bag, bulkhead, cd player, black, 29000 miles, £5795, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

GOLF, 2.0 GT FSI 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, dual climate zones, cd, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, trip computer, child locks, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, automatic electric windows, dual climate zones, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, reflex silver, 57290 miles, £2890, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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The award will be judged by Caroline Chambers, of Channel Chamber of Commerce; Loris Loudon, of Hall Place Business Centre, Canterbury Christchurch University; Simon Teague, of Lashings World XI/Javelin Business Strategies; and David Bentley, of Business Link.

Roadside chain reports summer visitors boost

ROADSIDE restaurant chain Little Chef says there has been an increase in sales since mid-July due to the increase in Brits holidaying at home this year.

Little Chef, which celebrates its 50th birthday this year and has many sites in Kent, reports an average of an eight per cent rise in sales since the start of the school summer holidays.

Reasons are a combination of more cars on the road and a raised profile since the chain launched a marketing drive earlier this year and announced its partnership with Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal.

Chief executive Ian Pegler said: "We expect the numbers to continue to rise during the rest of the holiday period."

Takeover jobs 'are safe'

STAFF at 28 stores in Kent belonging to supermarket chain Somerfield, which has been taken over by the Co-operative Group in a £1.57 billion deal, have been told their jobs are safe.

Somerfield's private equity owners – Barclays Capital, Apax Partners, property tycoon Robert Tchenguiz and Icelandic bank Kaupthing – bought the group in 2005 for £1.2 billion.

Head them off at the pass...

BY TONY PATEY

THE number of cowboy builders and employers of casual labour trading without insurance has risen sharply in recent months.

It is estimated that one in five tradespeople in Kent are risking heavy fines by working without cover.

Research by small business insurer Insurantz, a division of the Jardine LloydThompson Group, shows that thousands of uninsured companies are risking fines of up to £2,500 a day and even negligence claims against them. And many don't even know their statutory obligations.

The credit crunch has put thousands of construction jobs at risk, and tradesmen, from plumbers to plasterers, are increasingly expected to seek out *ad hoc* independent jobs – often working at a number of locations.

But if they operate without public liability and statutory employer's liability insurance, they'll be putting themselves on the line.

Julia Evans, chief executive of the National Federation of Builders, said: "As conditions become increasingly tough for smaller firms, Kent business owners will naturally want to cut down on overheads."

"But operating without adequate insurance cover exposes them to far greater levels of risk than a downturn."

Another consideration is damage or injury caused to third parties. Although some casual workers will be covered by main contractor's insurance, they may still need to carry public liability cover against damage to a third party property or injury through negligence.

Ms Evans said: "You cannot legally trade without employer's liability insurance, meaning you could face huge penalties or even prison if you fail to ensure you have this cover."

"Having no public liability insurance also makes you personally liable for being sued – meaning your own assets are at risk as well as your business's."

James Pickering, managing director of Insurantz, said: "Our research has revealed

that 29 per cent of small businesses run by tradespeople from Kent aren't aware of the statutory need for employer's liability if they employ anyone either on a full-time or casual basis.

"Failure in not taking out cover could result in fines of up to £2,500 a day and the potential of crippling costs for damages if anyone employed is injured. British builders must take action to make sure that they can trade safely."

Increasingly, small businesses and sole traders are using online services to make their lives quicker and easier. Tax returns are now completed online and Datamonitor research has recently highlighted that employer's liability is the type of cover most likely to be bought online.

Mr Pickering added: "Employer's and public liability are among the easiest of policies to buy."



KEEP ME COVERED: Cowboy builders could be riding for a fall – and heavy fines – if they operate without insurance

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No-show Spitfires let down the travelling hordes

Picture: ADY KERRY



PACE IN THE PACK: Robbie Joseph's display was one positive for Kent

THOUSANDS of Kent Spitfires fans flocked to the home of cricket on Saturday morning for the county's first Lord's appearance in 11 years.

By the evening, many were probably wondering why they had bothered.

From the moment Kent captain Rob Key was wrongly given out for a phantom edge in the fifth over, the Spitfires handed the initiative to the Essex Eagles, who did not let go.

Key's dismissal was harsh, but none of the other nine batsmen who followed him back to the famous pavilion could blame misfortune.

Joe Denly was bowled by the impressive Graham Napier in the following over as the Spitfires were reduced to 19-2.

Martin van Jaarsveld and Justin

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Kent Spitfires 214 all out (50 overs)
Essex Eagles 218-5 (48.5 overs)**

Kemp steadied the innings briefly until the latter was bowled attempting to smash former Kent bowler David Masters out of the park. Darren Stevens, Geraint Jones and Azhar Mahmood also got out to poor shots when the situation needed them to knuckle down.

At 100-6 the contest looked embarrassingly one-sided, but van Jaarsveld (58), Ryan McLaren (63) and Yasir Arafat (27)

at least gave the Spitfires attack something to defend.

The Eagles had the luxury of knowing they could win without needing to take risks. After Mahmood made some amends for his poor show with the bat by dismissing both openers, Robbie Joseph briefly worried Essex.

The 26-year-old bowled with aggression and took the prize wickets of England pair Ravi Bopara and Alastair Cook. He later removed James Foster, but it did not spark the flurry of wickets Kent so desperately needed.

The match was eventually decided by Grant Flower, whose unbeaten 70 from 97 balls showed, in an age increasingly dominated by Twenty20 cricket, what can be achieved with patience and guile.

County take ECB to task over ruling

KENT are hoping to bring about a change in the England and Wales Cricket Board's regulations after high winds stopped play in last Tuesday's game at Canterbury.

Gusts of more than 40mph prevented the temporary floodlights from being used in the Pro40 match against Leicestershire.

As a result the umpires had no choice but to abandon the match just six overs into the visitors' reply.

Fans were unhappy the game was not shortened or started early so it could be finished without the use of lights, but neither are permitted.

The club have begun talks with the ECB to bring about a change to prevent a similar scenario in future.

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Final hurdle seems to be just too much

KENT'S defeat against Essex continued their poor record at Lord's.

Saturday's Friends Provident Trophy final was the first appearance of any kind in a Lord's final for 11 years, when Kent were hammered by Surrey in the Benson & Hedges Cup final.

In total, Kent have won just three finals in 11 appearances, losing on their last seven visits.

Their last triumph in a final at Lord's was in the 1978 Benson & Hedges Cup, when Bob Woolmer's 79 helped them to a six-wicket victory over Derbyshire.

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Picture: ADY KERRY

GOING, GOING, GONE: Joe Denly is bowled by Graham Napier to begin the Spitfires' batting problems on a disappointing day at Lord's as Kent struggled, eventually making just 214

Skipper berates team's performance with bat

DEJECTED Kent captain Rob Key could not hide his frustration after the Spitfires lost their second final in less than a month with a limp display on Saturday.

Several batsmen gave their wickets away as Kent were bowled out for 214 in the Friends Provident Trophy final.

Essex Eagles reached their victory target with relative ease in the 49th over to seal a five-wicket victory.

The defeat for Kent came exactly three weeks after narrowly losing the Twenty20 Cup final against Middlesex.

After the game Key was in no mood for diplomacy and felt the side would have to bounce back quickly to avoid ending a promising season empty-handed.

He said: "Individually, we need to start performing. A lot of times in cricket when you lose a couple of games everyone says 'Is it the

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

warm-ups, is it this or is it that?", but it's not.

"Individually, you have got to sort your games out. If you're not scoring runs, find a way of doing it. I don't mean go to the nets every minute, just go and get some runs.

"I don't care how, just go and do it." The Spitfires captain was unhappy with most aspects of his side's performance, but he was in no doubt that it was the mistakes made with the bat which were the most costly.

A succession of players were dismissed trying extravagant shots which were completely out of touch with the situation.

Key said: "Losing's not great when you have given everything you can give, but when you play that badly with the bat it's a waste of time, really.

"Turning up after all the build-up and everything, and we go and bat like that – it's a joke.

"We were just brainless with the shots we played. I know it's hero and villain and you can say 'Well, if I had hit it for four or six, then everyone would have clapped'... but they didn't.

"It was a tough wicket and how many of us were out defending? Not many. I just think we weren't very smart.

"The whole thing with one-day cricket is you go out and assess conditions as quickly as you can and you try to work out what a good score is. I know we all want to hit the ball for four and six, but sometimes you have just got to hang in there and settle for 250 or 230, or otherwise you are going to come unstuck."

Key's men get back to County Championship action today at Canterbury with the visit of Lancashire. The title race is wide open, with Kent in contention to win their first championship in 30 years.

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Dover off to flyer in season opener

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 4 Harrow Borough 0

TWO goals apiece from Sammy Moore and James Rogers in the second half gave Dover Athletic a comfortable win in their first Ryman Premier League match of the season.

Manager Andy Hessenthaler gave new signings Olly Schulz, Dean Hill, Moore and Nathan Bailey their league debut in a game largely dominated by the Whites.

However, in the opening minutes they almost fell behind. Harrow striker Jonathan Constant broke through the Dover defence, but with just the goalkeeper John Whitehouse to beat he dragged his shot wide.

Dover settled soon after and gradually started to create goal-scoring opportunities, with midfielder Jon Wallis looking lively. He was denied by Harrow keeper Andre Baptiste on three occasions.

After the break Dover grew in confidence and Bailey should have broken the deadlock within a minute of the restart, but he fired his shot wide of the post.

A minute later Dover took a deserved lead through Rogers. The defender was unmarked at the far post and slotted home Frannie Collin's blocked shot.



Picture SIMON HARRIS

SUPERB START: Sammy Moore and Jerahl Hughes celebrate as Dover Athletic begin with a win

Rogers was on hand to double the advantage in similar fashion ten minutes later.

He met substitute Jerahl Hughes' cross with a left-footed volley which was too good for Baptiste.

Hughes was influential in the second half and set up Dover's third and fourth goals.

For the third, the former Yeovil player used his pace to beat the defender and pull the ball

back for Moore, who calmly slotted into the net.

The quick-footed Hughes found Moore once again in the area on 69 minutes and his volley flashed into the bottom corner for the fourth and final goal.

• Hessenthaler's side were in action against newly-promoted Dartford at Princes Park yesterday. For a full report, log on to www.yourdover.co.uk.

Europe's best drivers set for Lydden return

RALLYCROSS

THE European Rallycross Championship (ERC) could be heading to Lydden Hill race circuit for the first time for 12 years.

Circuit owner Amy Doran, who saved the track from closure last year, has tabled a bid to motorsport's governing body the FIA for the ERC to return next year.

During her year in charge Doran has revamped the circuit, constructing a grandstand and improving the paddock facilities in order to bring bigger events to Lydden Hill.

Great Britain has not hosted a round of the world's most popular rallycross series since 1998, and Lydden last saw the best drivers in Europe in 1996.

This weekend the British Rallycross Championship will take place at the famous circuit. Observers from the FIA will be attending to judge the venue and see if it is up to standard to host a round of the 2009 European Rallycross Championship.

Doran said: "The European Rallycross Championship event belongs here.



Picture LYDDEN HILL RACE CIRCUIT

RETURN: Britain's best rallycross drivers are hitting Lydden Hill this weekend

"It is part of the circuit's heritage as much as Lydden is a part of the championship's heritage.

"We have already carried out a lot of improvements to the circuit in readiness for this event."

The circuit is expecting a bumper crowd for round five of the ERC on Bank Holiday Monday (August 25).

Fans favourite Pat Doran will return to the championship in his Ford Fiesta after competing on the European scene, but the battle in the title race will be between Irish duo Ollie O'Donovan and Lawrence Gibson.

On-loan striker scores to give Invicta great start

FOOTBALL

Worthing 1 Folkestone Invicta 2

FOLKESTONE Invicta boss Neil Cugley was impressed with how his new signings gelled together in their opening day win against Worthing.

A late second-half penalty from new loan signing from Gillingham, Andy Pugh secured the three points for Invicta, who had six players making their league debut for the club.

Cugley said: "I was very happy with the result even though I know we can play better football than we did. Worthing are one of the favourites this season so to get a win against them is a good result.

"The players are playing together well considering the amount of new faces. We kept our shape well and the work rate was good. We can play a lot better which is pleasing in a way."

Invicta took the lead on the half hour with another cool finish from the penalty spot. Pugh was brought down and Jimmy Corbett made no mistake with the spot-kick.



Picture IGOR KAPRO

GOAL HERO: On-loan Gillingham striker Andy Pugh netted the winner for Folkestone

Worthing equalised with 20 minutes remaining as Ben Andrews tapped in on his 150th appearance for the club, but with two minutes remaining Pugh's penalty proved enough for the win.

Cugley was delighted for Gillingham striker Pugh to get on the score sheet and is looking forward to his five-week stay at Cheriton Road.

He added: "I am glad that Pugh scored. The goal should give him a confidence boost and that could really help us."



STRONG: Dame Kelly Holmes believes Lisa Dobriskey has the mental strength to deal with the occasion

Dame Kelly backs Dobriskey to shine

OLYMPICS/ATHLETICS

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes believes Kent's 1500m medal hope Lisa Dobriskey is strong enough to deal with the expectation and the challenge of her first Olympics.

The 24-year-old reigning Commonwealth champion from Ashford has been in the form of her life this season, winning the Great Britain Trials and the London Grand Prix last month. Before leaving for the Team GB holding camp in Macau, she shattered her personal best by eight seconds in a mixed race during training.

The Beijing games are Dobriskey's first Olympics and Holmes has warned the pressure will be huge. She believes focusing on each round is the key to be successful in the pressure-cooker environment.

Holmes said: "The Olympics is completely different to any other competition and you have to treat it that way.

"Lisa will have to keep her feet on the ground, which can be very difficult to do at your first games. I have seen her, though, and think she has the head to deal with the occasion. She will be happy to make the final, but in the final anything can happen.

"Your first Olympics can be overwhelming, especially when you see the Olympic village, where all the world's best athletes stay. As a young athlete it can be quite daunting, so Lisa will have to deal with that."

Holmes competed in three Olympic Games, winning gold in the 800m and 1500m in Athens 2004, so is familiar with competing in a packed Olympic arena. Although it will be difficult at first, she believes Dobriskey will thrive in the atmosphere.

She added: "There aren't enough words to describe what Lisa will be going through. Firstly the nerves hit you, which is quite terrifying, but you have to put that to the back of your mind.

"Stepping out into the stadium with the crowd is amazing and one of the best experiences in athletics.

"Then there is pressure and expectation on you to perform as a potential medalist, which Lisa will have to deal with. It is a great experience which she will definitely learn from."

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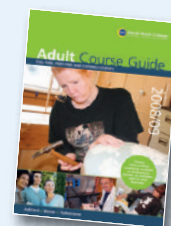
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